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May 15, 1985

Elizabeth Ann Hurst, Esquire Office of Regional Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VI 1201 Elm Street Dallas, Texas 75270

Reference: Gimble Salvage Company

Docket No. TSCA - VI - 102C TXD OLG 395 959

Dear Ms. Hurst:

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Enclosed is the PCB cleanup report prepared by Mr. Richard B. Terrill, a consultant to Gimble Salvage Company, regarding the PCB contamination at Gimble Salvage's yard in the above-referenced matter.

As that report details, four sets of laboratory analyses were run and a considerable amount of contaminated soil was removed. The resulting soil samples show less than 1 ppm PCB at sites approximating those points where EPA's Mr. Richard Gigger took his October, 1984 samples and visually clean sampling sites at the remaining two sampling sites used by Mr. Terrill.

Subsequent to this cleanup, Mr. Gimble arranged for Rollins to transport two drums of PCB contaminated soil for proper disposal. (See Invoice No. 116164 attached.) Rollins confirmed the incineration of this soil on April 28, 1985, by letter to Gimble Salvage dated May 9, 1985 (see attached).

For this final stage of the PCB cleanup, Gimble Salvage expended the following amounts:

Fee to Mr. Terrill, consultant:

\$ 2,000.00

Rollins incineration of and transportation of 2 drums of PCB contaminated soil, April 26, 1985:

\$ 733.00

Charles V. Bacon, Inc. laboratory analyses, February 28, March 20, 25 and 31, 1985:

\$ 550.00

TOTAL

\$ 3,283.00

SUPERFUND

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To recapitulate for you, to date Gimble Salvage, a small business, has spent the following amounts on cleanup of this PCB spill, which resulted from another company's illegal disposal of PCB capacitors in Gimble Salvage's scrap metal container:

	Removal of 2 PCB capacitors by Rollins, June 22, 1934:	\$ 455.00
	Truck rental, driver and day spent to and from Rollins to pick up empty drums for storage of PCB contaminated soil and to transport them to Gimble Salvage, July 1984:	\$ 100.00
	to Gimble Salvage, July 1504:	φ 100.00
1	Interim Legal Fees and Expenses 1984:	\$1,751.14
	Rollins treatment of and transportation of 4 drums of PCB contaminated soil.	
	November 26, 1984	\$ 2,787.00
1	Money expended in February and March above:	\$ 3,283.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,376.14

These figures do not include Mr. Gimble's time and labor, nor that of Gimble Salvage's employees who worked at removing the contaminated soil, nor the remaining unbilled legal fees and expenses incurred on behalf of Gimble Salvage in the amount of \$4,554.59.

Again, I would like to urge EPA to exercise the full extent of its discretion and to settle this case withou imposing any penalty on Gimble Salvage Company. As you know, Gimble Salvage and Mr. Gimble personally have expended considerable time, energy and money to rectify this PCB spill in which they were the victims as much as anyone else. This administrative complaint has weighed heavily on Mr. Gimble and stressed him at a time when he was recovering from major heart surgery and was under doctor's orders to avoid stress. Nevertheless, he moved responsibly and effectively to contain and property remove and dispose of the PCB capacitors and the PCB contaminated soil.

EPA initially proposed an \$8,000 penalty in this matter. Gimble Salvage has spent more than that amount in remedying the situation -- a situation in which the Company itself was never a "bad actor."

For these reasons, we urge EPA to settle this matter without imposing a further penalty on Gimble Salvage. Certainly the Toxic Substances Control Act grants the EPA Administrator the discretion to do so. 15 U.S.C. \$2615(a)(2)(C). In the alternative, we request that EPA reduce any penalty to a de minimus amount.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, W. Newkiek

Nancy W. Newkirk

Enclosures

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cc: Maynard Gimble



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RICHARD B. TERRILL 10601 South Drive, No. 122 Houston, Texas 77099

May 13, 1985

Nancy W. Newkirk, Esquire Andrews & Kurth 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Suite 700 Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Ms. Newkirk:

At Mr. Gimble's request, I supervised the final cleanup of PCBs at the Gimble Salvage Company (Gimble Salvage), 3201 Engelke, Houston, Texas 77003, commencing on February 18, 1985. TXD CX6 595 HH

I have a B.A. degree awarded in 1960 from the University of Houston. Between the engineering courses I took at school and my practical experience in the oil industry, I have experience in field engineering, geology, civil engineering, and the clean up of oil spills. Mr. Gimble asked me to supervise the PCB cleanup and to arrange for testing of soil samples by a qualified laboratory.

The cleanup was completed as of March 22, 1985, and the soil sample tests conducted and discussed below reveal a level of PCB 1260 at less than 1 ppm in the areas of previous high concentration. Additionally, as of that date, the soil in the contaminated areas was cleared down to concrete and/or oyster shell bed, all of which looked clean to the eye.

I have set forth below, in chronological order, the background situation and the steps taken to clean up and test the site.

BACKGROUND

The following is a summary of the history of this problem as I understand it from Mr. Gimble.

Sometime in December, 1983, Gimble Salvage received two unknown objects, subsequently identified by EPA as PCB capacitors, in a container of mixed scrap metal picked up from one of Gimble Salvage's industrial accounts. The capacitors were sorted from the valuable metal scrap and left in Gimble Salvage's yard. One of the capacitors was leaking and was first located at point AA on the map attached as Attachment 1 and was subsequently moved and used as a gate-stop to hold open the gate to the yard, as also shown on the map. The other capacitor remained intact and non-leaking.

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FEB 04 1993 REORGANIZED On December 30, 1983, EPA Inspector Richard Gigger made a routine inspection of Gimble Salvage's business location, saw the PCB capacitor holding open the gate to the material unloading area and identified it to Mr. Gimble. He also found the second capacitor. He took soil samples in the areas where the leaking capacitor had been. According to EPA, Mr. Gigger's samples revealed 1264 ppm of PCBs in the area where the leaking capacitor had been resting against the gate and 326 ppm and 337 ppm of PCBs at the other two sampling points.

On June 22, 1984, some two weeks after receiving the EPA Complaint in this matter, Mr. Gimble arranged for Rollins Environmental Services (Rollins) to remove the PCB capacitors.

At Mr. Gimble's direction, the soil in the area near the gate where the leaking capacitor had rested was cleared down to the level of the asphalt. The removed soil was placed in four drums supplied by Rollins.

On October 15, 1984, at Mr. Gimble's request, Mr. Gigger of EPA made a second inspection of the site and collected soil and water samples. Although Mr. Gimble had hoped to receive the results of EPA's second sampling before having the drums removed, he decided to go ahead and have the four drums of PCB contaminated soil removed from Gimble Salvage by Rollins even though it might cost him more money. Rollins removed the four drums on November 26, 1984.

In January 1985, Mr. Gimble received the results of the lab reports from Mr. Gigger's sampling, which showed PCB levels at 350 ppm and 407 ppm, and learned that he had to remove additional contaminated soil. This removal was impeded by heavy rains that fell in the Houston area in January and February, 1985, leaving water accumulations in Gimble Salvage's yard up to 6-8 inches deep.

FINAL CLEANUP

Under my supervision, soil samples were collected from sites #1 and #4, which were the approximate sample sites used by the EPA's Mr. Gigger on October 15, 1984, and from sample sites #2 and #3, near by. (See map at Attachment 1 for the locations of the sample sites.) Sample site #1 is about 8 inches from the concrete slab at the north end of Gimble Salvage's yard and at the time Mr. Gigger took his sample from this point, when the highest of the sample sites. Sample site #2 is approximately 8 feet to the west of site #1 that Mr. Gigger sampled and, at the time I first took my samples, was the closest point out of water to Mr. Gigger's. Subsequently, I found that the soil at site #2 covered a concrete slab. Sample site #3 was also selected because sample site #4 was underwater and it is approximately 25 feet south of sample site #2 contamination may have migrated. Site #4 to the southwest was used by Mr. Gigger. Contaminated soil was removed and stored in drums for removal by Rollins.

On February 15, 1985, I collected the first two soil samples at sites #2 and #3 in order to define the levels of PCB contamination. Sample sites #1 and #4 were underwater and could not be sampled. Sample sites #2 and #3 were as close to these sites as I could get. The samples were sent to the Charles V. Bacon, Inc. laboratory for analysis. The laboratory results for the first samples showed PCB (as Aroclor 1260) levels of 40 ppm and 58 ppm for sites #2 and #3 respectively. (See Bacon Report of Analysis dated February 28, 1985 and Attachment 3).

Soil was shoveled away from sample site #2 and placed in removal drums, supplied by Rollins, revealing a concrete slab which was clean, not oily. The concrete slab was swept with a broom until all loose soil was removed and placed in drums. Soil was also removed at site #3 down to a level of asphalt that had been buried under the soil and water.

On March 7, 1985, when the yard had dried sufficiently, I took four more samples at sample sites #1-4 and sent them to Bacon for analysis. The results of this analysis are shown as Bacon Report of Analysis dated March 20, 1985 and in Attachment 3. Further soil cleanup was done at sample sites #1, #3 and #4.

A third set of samples was taken on March 19, 1985, at sample sites #1, #3 and #4 and sent to Bacon for analysis. Subsequent to this sampling, further soil was removed from the area around sites #1, #3 and #4. At site #1, it appears that due to the amount of annual rainfall, the PCB spill had percolated down through the loose soil and was contained by the asphalt. (See Attachment 2 cross-sectional drawings of sample sites #1, #3 and #4). Upon removal of the asphalt and removing one inch of the oyster shell at sites #1 and #4, the PCB contamination was virtually eliminated.

This was confirmed by the fourth and final set of soil samples taken from sample sites #1 and #4, both of which revealed less than 1 ppm of PCB. (See Bacon Report of Analysis dated March 31 and Attachment 3).

CONCLUSION

As of March 22, 1985, sample site #1 tested at less than 1 ppm PCB and has been cleared down through 1/2 inch of the oyster shell base which looks clean. Sample site #2 has been swept clean down to the concrete. The accumulation of soil apparently contained the PCBs because the surface appears clean and unstained. The area where soil was removed at sample sites #1 and #2 measures approximately 10 feet by 10 feet to a depth of approximately 5 inches. The whole area from the gate to sites #3 and #4 is clean down to the oyster shell base. The area where soil was removed between the gate and sample sites #3 and #4 measures approximately 35 feet by 12 feet to a depth of approximately 5 inches. Sample site #4 tested at less than 1 ppm PCB and since #3 was cleared to the same point and looks clean, it is safe to assume that #3 is clean as well.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Terrill

4 Enclosures:

Chas. v. Bacon Test Reports with Invoices:

Report #G40312 - Inv. #18118 Report #G40379 - Inv. #18175 Report #G40417 - Inv. #18196 Report #G40430 - Inv. #18231

3 Attachments:

1 - Site Plot

2 - Cross Section of Sample Sites 3 - Test Results by Date, Location and Depth

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- DATE: February 28, 1985

18118

Gimble Salvage Co. 3201 Engelke Houston, Texas 77003

Attn: Mr. Gimble

Payable upon presentation
All past due accounts subject to 11/2 % per month

PROFESSIONALS		1, dirt, and water submitted				
	G 40312 7750-1	2 Analysis at 50.00 ea Total	100	00	100	00

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DATE February 28, 1985

SAMPLE SUBMITTED ...

Soil, dirt, water (2 samples)

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Sample #1

#2

Results (as Aroclor 1260)

58 ppm

40 ppm

The above tests were conducted in accordance with current A.O.C.S. Methods, or other standard methods where applicable.



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DATE: Narch 20, 1985

Gimble Salvage Company

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Attn: Mr. Gimble

PROFESSIONAL SE	ERVICES:					
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G 40379

March 20, 1985

Received: March 7, 1985

SAMPLE SUBMITTED AS

Dirt, soil

#1, #2, #3, #4

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Gimble Salvage Company

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Sample	_	Results (as Aroclor 1260) PCB'S, ppm
#1	14	32 ppm
#2		480 ppm
· #3		178 ppm
#4		273 ppm

The above tests were conducted in accordance with current A.O.C.S. Methods, or other standard methods where applicable.



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Respectfully submitted.

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DATE: March 25, 1985

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Attn: Mr. Gimble

Payable upon presentation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	All past due	accounts subje	10 1/3%	per month.
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> G 40417 NO.

DATE

March 25,1985

SAMPLE SUBMITTED AS

Dirt, soil

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#1A on 3/19/85 1. #3A on 3/19/35

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#4A on 3/19/85

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

SAMPLE	RESULTS (as Aroclor 1260) PCB's, ppm
1.	22 ppm
2.	207 ppm
3.	371 ppm

The above tests were conducted in accordance with current A.O.C.S. Methods, or other standard methods where applicable.



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NO. G 40430

DATE March 29, 1985 Received: 3/25/85

SAMPLE SUBMITTED AS Dirt, soil

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1. #1 B on March 22, 1985

#4 B on March 22, 1985

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

SAMPLE

RESULTS (as Aroclor 1260) PCB'S, ppm

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The above tests were conducted in accordance with current A.O.C.S. Methods, or other standard methods where applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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1308 Holland Avenue P.O. Box 65 Galena Park, Texas 77547 Telephone: 713-453-8355 TWX No. 910-8813705

DATE: March 31, 1985

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Attn: Mr. Gibble

Gimble Salvage Company

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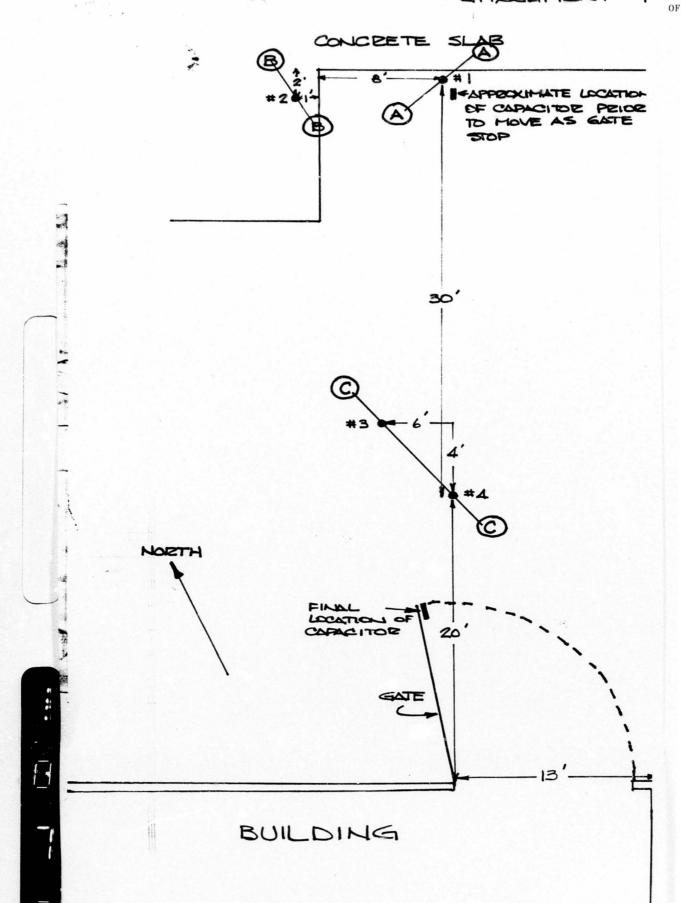
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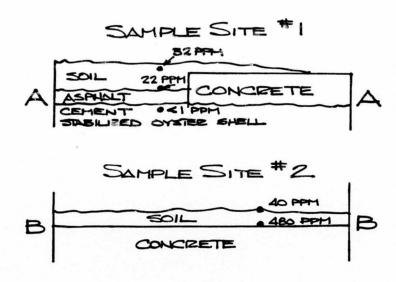
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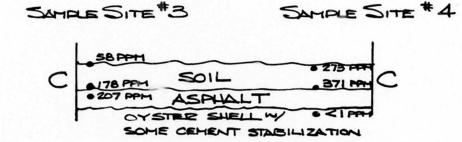
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2/18/85	58	1.
3/7/85	178	3"
3/19/85	207	4"
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3/7/85	273	1.
3/19/85	371	3"
3/22/85	< 1	5"
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